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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - REINAUGURATION SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES

CYPRUS AIRWAYS

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SUMMARY: CYPRUS AIRWAYS RESTART SCHEDULED SERVICES

SET FOR FEBRUARY 1, OR VERY SOON THEREAFTER, UTILIZING

NEWLY IMPROVED LARNACA AIRPORT. END SUMMARY

1. UK RCAA BARRY LELLO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM TWO-WEEK STAY LONDON DURING WHICH HE WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CYPRUS AIRWAYS ON ONE HAND AND BRITISH MIDLAND AIRWAYS LTD. (BMA) AND BRITISH AIRWAYS ON THE OTHER HAND, REGARDING RESTART SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES TO AND FROM CYPRUS.

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2. ACCORDING LELLO, E. SAVVA, GENERAL MANAGER CYPRUS AIRWAYS, SIGNED AGREEMENT JANUARY 20 WITH BMA PROVIDING FOR CYPRUS AIRWAYS WETLEASING TWO BMA-OWNED BAC VISCOUNT 800'S, WHICH WILL BE DEPLOYED AS FOLLOWS COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1 OR VERY SHORTLY THEREAFTER: LARNACA-ATHENS, FOURTEEN ROUNDTrips WEEKLY (TWO OF WHICH COULD BE LARNACA-HERAKLION); LARNACA-BEIRUT, SIX ROUNDTrips WEEKLY; LARNACA-TEL AVIV, THREE ROUNDTrips WEEKLY.

3. ADDITIONALLY, LELLO INDICATES CYPRUS AIRWAYS SIGNING AGREEMENT JANUARY 21 WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS COVERING REVENUE-POOLING ON BRITISH AIRWAYS' TRIDENT TWO DAILY ROUNDTrip SERVICES ATHENS-LONDON AND PROVIDING AIRLIFT UK ORIGIN-DESTINATION CYPRUS AIRWAYS' PASSENGER AND CARGO TRAFFIC. THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OF THE GREECE-U.K. ROUNDTrip SERVICES IN REVENUE-POOL COULD INVOLVE ONCE-WEEKLY BRITISH AIRWAYS' TRIDENT TWO WHICH OPERATES HERAKLION (CRETE)-LONDON-HERAKLION.

4. LELLO INDICATES CYPRUS AIRWAYS WILL PROBABLY CHECK OUT ITS OWN FLIGHT CREWS ON THE VISCOUNT 800'S TO PERMIT EARLY REVISION OF BMA ARRANGEMENT TO DRYLEASE, WITH EXTENSION UNTIL CYPRUS AIRWAYS' OWN FLEET CAN BE REDEPLOYED ON SCHEDULED SERVICES.

5. IN THIS REGARD, SHERMAN PRUITT (DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY REGIONAL DIRECTOR HANDLING CYPRIOT AIRLINE) INDICATES THAT, IN HIS RECENT MEETING WITH SAVVA IN LONDON, CYPRUS AIRWAYS SHOWS STRONG INTEREST ACQUISITION NEW MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC-9-30'S OR 50'S, WITH PART OF PURCHASE PRICE COMING FROM \$8.3 MILLION INSURANCE PROCEEDS RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM UNDERWRITERS FOR AIRLINE'S DESTROYED OR DAMAGED HAWKER-SIDDELEY TRIDENT FLEET (FOUR AIRCRAFT).

6. CYPRUS AIRWAYS' SIGNING OF ACCORD WITH BMA AND BRITISH AIRWAYS REPRESENTS REJECTION AEROFLOT OFFER COVERING YAK-40'S.

7. SUBSTANCE CABLE BEING PASSED NICOSIA BY COUNTRY DIRECTOR WILLIAM EAGLETON WHO LEAVING BEIRUT FOR CYPRUS JAN 21.
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